

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A method for operating an electronic parcel compartment system, whereby information of users of the electronic parcel compartment system is acquired, the method comprising:

assigning a user to a user group on the basis of the acquired information;

enabling a user to have access to a selection of several functions of the electronic parcel compartment system via controls of the electronic parcel compartment system depending on the user group to which the user belongs; and

~~effectuating control of [[the ]]access possibilities in such a way that; and~~

~~activating, after assignment of a user to at least one specific user group, a function can be activated that causes an essentially simultaneous opening of several parcel compartments.~~

Claim 13 (Currently amended): An electronic parcel compartment system with a user interface, the user interface comprising a means for acquiring information from users of the electronic parcel compartment system, the electronic parcel compartment system comprising:

means for assigning the user to user groups on the basis of the acquired information;

a system control that allows a user to have access to a selection of several functions of the electronic parcel compartment system, depending on the user group to which the user belongs; and

~~means to effectuate [[the ]]control of [[the ]]access possibilities in such a way that; and~~

~~means for activating, after assignment of a user to at least one specific user group, a function can be activated that causes an essentially simultaneous opening of several parcel compartments.~~

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein the means for assigning the users to user groups makes this assignment on the basis of information transmitted via a data line.

**Claim 15 (Previously Presented):** The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein the means for assigning users to user groups is connected to the user interface in such a way that the information acquired from the user interface is available to said means for the assignment of the users.

**Claim 16 (Previously Presented):** The parcel compartment system of claim 15, wherein the means for assigning the users to user groups makes this assignment on the basis of information transmitted via a data line.

**Claim 17 (Previously Presented):** The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein the assignment to the user groups is performed by acquiring user identification information and by making a comparison of the user identification information to an entry in a database.

**Claim 18 (Previously Presented):** The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein different access authorizations to functions of the electronic parcel compartment system can be selected for different user groups.

**Claim 19 (Previously Presented):** The parcel compartment system of claim 13, wherein at least one of certain parcel compartments and groups of parcel compartments are accessible only to certain user groups.

**Claim 20 (Previously Presented):** The parcel compartment system of claim 18, wherein the assignment of the parcel compartments to the user groups can be changed.